

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

Bill No. 04-40

Introduced by: _____ Council President Wagner

Legislative Day No. 04-23 Date: September 7, 2004

AN EMERGENCY ACT to initiate the comprehensive zoning review as permitted under the Harford County Code, as amended; to suspend Section 267-12 of the Harford County Code, as amended, for a certain period of time; to provide that certain zoning reclassification application will not be accepted during the period that Section 267-12 is suspended, with certain exceptions; and generally relating to zoning.

By the Council, September 7, 2004

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: October 5, 2004

at: 6:15 p.m.

By order: Barbara J. Ruth, Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on October 5, 2004, and concluded on October 5, 2004.

Barbara J. Ruth, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [BRACKETS] indicate matter Deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates Language added to bill by amendment. Language Lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill By amendment.

1 WHEREAS, The County Council believes that the County should begin a comprehensive
2 zoning review now that the County Master Plan has been adopted; and

3 WHEREAS, By introducing and adopting this Act, the Council does express the
4 Council's desire to have the comprehensive zoning review process begin immediately;
5 and

6 WHEREAS The Council does encourage the County Executive to immediately move
7 forward with this review process; and

8 WHEREAS, The Council would encourage the Director of Planning to establish
9 reasonable timelines for the application and review process that allows the Council and
10 citizens reasonable time to review the zoning requests; and

11 WHEREAS, The Council believes the comprehensive zoning review process should be
12 completed within 15 months of the date this Act takes effect.

13 NOW THEREFORE;

14 Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County, Maryland, that:

15 A. By this Act the Council does hereby initiate a comprehensive zoning review as
16 permitted under § 267-13 A (2) of the County Code, as amended.

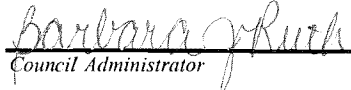
17 B. Section 267-12 of the Harford County Code, as amended, is suspended from
18 operation for a period of 15 months, beginning on the date this Act becomes law.

19 C. Except as provided in Subsections C and E of Section 267-13 of the Harford
20 County Code, as amended, the Zoning Administrator shall not accept any
21 applications for zoning reclassification during the period that Section 267-12 is
22 suspended by this Act.

1 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that this Act is declared to be an emergency
2 act necessary to initiate the comprehensive zoning review to protect the health and safety
3 of the citizens by ensuring that the proper zoning is in effect to the protect the County's
4 water resources and to ensure that each citizen has an opportunity to fully participate in
5 the zoning process and shall take effect on the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: October 20, 2004

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that
fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available
for distribution to the public and press.*



Council Administrator

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 04-40

Brief Title Initiation of Comprehensive Rezoning

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Barbara J. Ruth
Council Administrator

Date October 5, 2004

ENROLLED

Robert S. Wagner
Council President

Date October 5, 2004

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 04-25

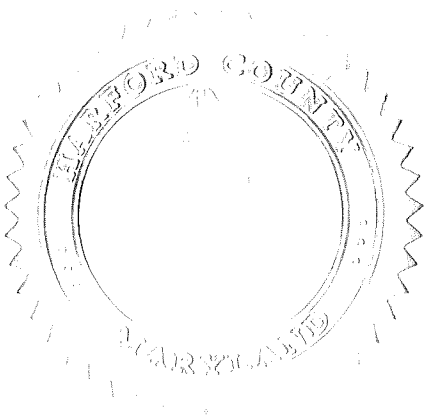
Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

Barbara J. Ruth
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 6th day of October, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.

Barbara J. Ruth
Council Administrator



BY THE EXECUTIVE

James M. Harkins
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date 10-20-04

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill No. 04-40, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council becomes law on October 20, 2004.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 20, 2004

Barbara J. Ruth
Barbara J. Ruth, Council Administrator